

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 752

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of James Haltom to the Claims Commission for the Middle Division of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-301(a), provides for the creation of the Tennessee Claims Commission, to consist of three members, one from each grand division of the State; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-302, provides that the Governor shall appoint each commissioner for a term of eight years; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has appointed James Haltom to an eight-year term as the Middle Division Commissioner for the Tennessee Claims Commission that will expire on June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haltom is a 2003 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Following his graduation from college, Mr. Haltom taught in rural Mississippi with the Teach for America program before he was called into active duty military service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, during which he served as a combat platoon leader in Iraq, commanding more than 200 ground combat missions; and

WHEREAS, following his active duty military service, Mr. Haltom graduated with honors from the University of Mississippi School of Law, where he served as president of the Law School Student Body and was a member of the Mississippi Law Journal and Moot Court Board; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, he commenced his legal practice in Nashville with the law firm of Burr Forman and most recently was a partner with the national law firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough; he is admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and all state and federal courts in Tennessee and Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, in the community, Mr. Haltom has served as a board member of various civic and professional organizations, and he currently serves as a Major in the Tennessee Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haltom is married to Claire Cowart Haltom, a partner at the law firm of Baker Donelson, and they reside in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haltom is a person of integrity and an active citizen whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well-being of this State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-302(a), provides that each commissioner appointed to the Tennessee Claims Commission by the Governor shall be subject to confirmation by resolution of both houses of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of James Haltom as the Middle Division Commissioner to the Tennessee Claims Commission for an eight-year term that will expire on June 30, 2027.